

ABSTRACT

The present invention provides cystine derivatives, which may be in a free form, a salt form, a solvate form. The cystine derivatives of the present invention may be used to suppress activation of inflammatory factors. Accordingly, the present invention provides:

- 5 compositions containing the cystine derivatives; a method for suppressing the activation of inflammatory factors by administering the composition; a method for preventing, ameliorating and/or therapeutically treating diseases, skin injuries or disorders involved in the activation of inflammatory factors by administering the composition; a method for preventing, delaying, ameliorating and/or therapeutically treating skin change via aging or
- 10 aesthetically unfavorable skin change as induced or promoted by inflammatory factors by administering the composition; and pharmaceutical agents containing the cystine derivatives.